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SUBJECT JAPAN: MERCHANT MARINE, M/V ASAMA MARU		REQUEST NO. 28 May 1954

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The ASAMA MARU arrived San Francisco, California, 27 April 1954 on her maiden voyage. She is owned by Nippon Yusen Kaisha and was completed 1 April 1954. This report furnishes information on her specifications and profile.

- Encl: (1) Photograph of subj vessel, port side forward, taken at San Francisco, Calif., on 28 Apr 1954
(2) Photograph of subj vessel, port side between bow and superstructure, taken at San Francisco, Calif., on 28 Apr 1954
(3) Photograph of subj vessel, port side amidships, taken at San Francisco, Calif., on 28 Apr 1954
(4) Photograph of subj vessel, port side aft, taken at San Francisco, Calif., on 28 Apr 1954
(5) Photograph of subj vessel, from port bow, taken at San Francisco, Calif., on 28 Apr 1954

1. Ship Characteristics.

- a. Tonnage: net 4402.76; gross 7740.67; dwt 10362 (metric tons).
b. Dimensions: length B.P. 493'9"; beam 62'4"; loaded draft 27'7".
c. Cargo: bale capacity of 534,000 ft; reefer: 400 tons.

2. Propulsion.

- a. Type engine: M.A.N. single acting, 2 stroke cycle diesel.
b. Number of screws: one; fuel: oil; cruising radius: 21,000 nautical miles.
c. Speed: maximum 19.3 knots; normal cruising 17.4 knots.

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3. History.
 - a. Built in Yokohama, Japan, and completed 1 April 1954.
 - b. Owner: Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
 - c. Port of Registry: Tokyo, Japan on 30 March 1954.
4. Personnel.
 - a. 60 officers and men; passenger capacity 12.
5. Radio Call Letters. J H Z Q
6. Stack Markings. Red and white stripes on a black stack.
7. Boats. Two.
8. Special Equipment. Electric winches (double); MacGregor hatches; radar and RDF.
9. Condition. New ship in excellent material condition.

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Estimating Officers' Comment: The ASAMA MARU appears typical of the new ships being added to the Japanese Merchant fleet.

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